

**Anoka County Contract No. C0008487**  
**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**ANOKA COUNTY AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**  
**FOR ELECTION SERVICES**

This is a Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Anoka ("County") and Independent School District 14 ("School District") entered into pursuant to Minn. State. 471.59, for the provision of election services by Anoka County on behalf of the School District.

**I. DURATION OF CONTRACT**

This contract will be in effect for the period beginning on April 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021 and will apply to any and all school district elections held during the duration of the contract.

**II. CONTRACT RENEWAL AND TERMINATION**

This contract may be renewed by written consent of the County and School District. This contract may be terminated with 30 days written notice by either party.

**III. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the County will perform the statutory duties of School District Clerk, as related to the conduct of elections by performing the following service:

- A. Provide for retention of election records as required by statute;
- B. Recruit, train, and supervise staff to carry out the duties specified in this contract;
- C. Provide election-related information on the County web site;
- D. Administer campaign financial reporting activities;
- E. Perform duties of candidate filing officer, including acceptance of affidavits of candidacy and petitions;
- F. Perform post-election activities including preparation of notice of election, acceptance of office and oath of office; administer the oaths of office at a meeting of the school district board;
- G. Arrange for lease of voting equipment from other governmental units to be used at school district elections as necessary; negotiate lease agreements on behalf of the school district and forward to the school district for execution; ensure invoices are directed to the school district;
- H. Plan, organize, and administer the activities of all voting equipment system components and associated devices used in Anoka County precincts;
- I. Procure and administer agreements for programming, layout and printing of ballots for School District; ensure invoices are directed to the school district;
- J. Provide election forms, supplies, and other related materials for each polling place;
- K. Test ballot counters and ballot marking devices; conduct preliminary tests and public accuracy tests of voting systems utilized in the elections;
- L. Coordinate delivery of equipment and supplies to and from each polling place and in-person absentee voting location;
- M. Prepare and publish election notices; provide invoice to school district for publication costs;
- N. Mail to each household with a registered voter a notice as required by Minnesota Statutes §204B.16, subd. 1a; (polling places); provide invoice to school district for printing and mailing costs;
- O. Prepare and distribute statutorily required election notices for posting.
- P. Identify and arrange for the use of polling places for all school district elections; verify suitability and substantial compliance with federal and state accessibility requirements;
- Q. Set pay rate for election judges;
- R. Recruit, hire, train, assign, and pay Election Judges;
- S. Provide invoice to school district for reimbursement of Election Judges;

- T. Administer all provisions of MN Statute Chapter 204B related to absentee voting for all school district elections held under this contract;
- U. Provide voting stations for absentee voting;
- V. Compile and report election results and election statistics for dissemination to the appropriate canvassing boards and the public;
- W. Conduct recounts for the School District offices and ballot questions.

#### **IV. SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The School District will perform the following election-related responsibilities for all School District elections held during the duration of this contract:

- A. Designate a person who will be the principal contact for the County;
- B. Retain permanent archive of election results;
- C. Prepare maps of school district election districts and precinct boundaries and provide to the county in electronic format and printed copies as requested;
- D. Provide final approval for polling place locations;
- E. Provide proof of general liability and worker's compensation insurance (Hold Harmless Agreement) to polling place administrators as requested.
- F. Reimburse county for election judge payments;
- G. Approve roster of election judges and provide for appointment by the School Board;
- H. Execute equipment lease agreements;
- I. Provide the information to be printed on the ballot required in Minnesota Statutes §126C.17, subdivision 9(a);
- J. Provide the title and text of School District questions to be placed on the ballot;
- K. Provide vehicles and personnel for delivery of equipment and supplies to each polling place as necessary or required;
- L. Prepare mailing lists and official notice to each property owner in the School District as required by Minnesota Statutes §126C.17, subdivision 9(b);
- M. Conduct official canvass of election results following each School District election.

#### **VI. INDEMNIFICATION**

Each Party agrees that it will be responsible for its own acts, including its agents and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other Party and the results thereof.

#### **VII. LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

The Anoka County Attorney's office will advise and represent the County in all election-related matters, except that the School District Attorney and/or designee will advise and represent the School District.

#### **VIII. ELECTION COSTS AND PAYMENTS**

The base cost of election services provided by the County to the School District under this agreement, for regularly scheduled school district general elections (as defined in MN Statutes 200.02), including special elections held concurrently with regularly scheduled general elections shall be \$2000 per precinct plus an itemized billing for the cost of ballot printing, legal notice publication costs, cost of election judge salaries, and printing.

The County shall submit an invoice to the School District for 50% of the base cost of election services for each general or special election upon receipt of the Official Notification of Election as required by MN Statute 205A.07 Subd. 3. Invoices for the balance of the base cost and the actual cost of other items and services covered by this contract shall be submitted to the School District no later than 60 days following each election.

In the event of early termination of this contract by the school district, Anoka County shall bill the school district and the school district shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the county under this agreement, up to and including the date notice of cancellation is received by the county.

**IX. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is agreed that nothing in this contract is intended or should be construed as creating the relationship of agents, partners, joint ventures, or associates between the parties hereto or as constituting the County as the employee of the School District for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The County is an independent contractor and neither it, its employees, agents, nor its representatives are employees of the School District. From any amounts due the County, there shall be no deductions for federal income tax or FICA payments, nor for any state income tax, nor for any other purposes which are associated with an employer-employee relationship unless required by law. Payment of federal income tax; FICA payments, and state income taxes are the responsibility of the County.

**X. DATA PRACTICES**

All data created, collected, received, maintained, or disseminated for any purpose in the course of this contract is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, any other applicable statute, or any rules adopted to implement the Act or statute, as well as federal statutes and regulations on data privacy.

**XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This contract shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and shall supersede all prior oral and written negotiations.

**COUNTY OF ANOKA**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Scott Schulte, Chair

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

County Board of Commissioners

Independent School District 14

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney

School District Counsel

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_